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Dear [REDACTED] and colleagues,

I am aware of the recent action by the Scottish hospitality group <https://twitter.com/ScottishGroup> taking legal action against SG to challenge the evidence base for current restrictions on hospitality. We are nearing the end of our study of the re-opening of licensed premises, and are starting a new study of opening hours for licensed premises. We have data on risks in premises and compliance with restrictions, and we have prior evidence that will be relevant. We hope to get the most relevant data published within weeks, and will of course keep you in the loop.

I can't share our data in writing yet, but happy to share verbally what we've got, in strict confidence with SG colleagues involved in the response to this action. I can also summarise relevant prior evidence on opening hours restrictions as a protective measure for emergency services.

Apologies if this is not directly relevant e.g. where roles have changed due to Covid, happy for you to pass on my offer to relevant colleagues.

I'm available on my mobile [REDACTED] today, or we could set up a call next week (my colleague [REDACTED] can help with my diary).

Kind regards,  
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